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REMARKS**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

A terminal disclaimer accompanies this Amendment with regard to commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,368,334. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

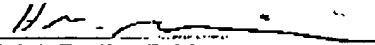
With the exception of the above, and with the exception of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections, all rejected claims have been cancelled. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

With regard to the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections of claims 51-58, it is noted that the Examiner is looking for a distinction of the term "tip" in claim 46 and the term "tongue" in claim 51. The tongue is simply intended to be a portion of the tip (e.g., one should not require a construction of "tongue" which also includes the ferrule holder, but the ferrule holder would be considered part of the "tip", which is a general reference to a distal portion of the device. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to the presently submitted response or otherwise, please charge them to deposit account 06-1130, maintained by the Applicant's attorneys.

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